Notice of Public Hearing and Business Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. A business meeting will be held the following month on Wednesday, June 7, 2023. Both the hearing and the business meeting are open to the public. The public hearing will be conducted virtually, and the business meeting will be held in person.

Public Hearing. The Commission will conduct the public hearing virtually on May 10, 2023, commencing at 1:30 p.m. Hearing items will include draft dockets for withdrawals, discharges, and other projects that could have a substantial effect on the basin's water resources, as well as resolutions to: (a) adopt the 2024-2026 Water Resources Program; (b) adopt the Commission's annual current expense and capital budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024; (c) apportion among the signatory parties the amounts required for the support of the current expense and capital budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024; and (d) reauthorize the Toxics Advisory Committee. A list of the projects scheduled for hearing, including project descriptions, along with links to draft docket approvals, will be posted on the Commission's web site, www.drbc.gov, in a long form of this notice at least ten days before the hearing date. Links to drafts of the noted resolutions will be posted at the same time.

Written comments on matters scheduled for hearing on May 10, 2023 will be accepted through 5 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2023.

The public is advised to check the Commission's web site periodically during the ten days prior to the hearing date, as items scheduled for hearing may be postponed if additional time is needed to complete the Commission's review. Items also may be added up to ten days prior to the hearing date. In reviewing docket descriptions, the public is asked to be aware that the details of projects may change during the Commission's review, which is ongoing.

<u>Public Meeting</u>. The public business meeting on **June 7**, **2023** will begin at **1 p.m.** and will include: adoption of the Minutes of the Commission's March 8, 2023 business meeting; announcements of upcoming meetings and events; a report on hydrologic conditions; reports by the Executive Director and the Commission's General Counsel; and consideration of any items for which a hearing has been completed or is not required. The agenda is expected to include consideration of the draft dockets for withdrawals, discharges, and other projects that were subjects of the public hearing on May 10, 2023.

After all scheduled business has been completed and as time allows, the business meeting will be followed by up to one hour of Open Public Comment, an opportunity to address the Commission on any topic concerning management of the Basin's water resources outside the context of a duly noticed, on-the-record public hearing.

There will be no opportunity for additional public comment for the record at the June 7, 2023 business meeting on items for which a hearing was completed on May 10, 2023 or a previous date. Commission consideration on June 7, 2023 of items for which the public hearing is closed may result in approval of the item (by docket or resolution) as proposed, approval with changes, denial, or deferral. When the Commissioners defer an action, they may announce an additional period for written comment on the item, with or without an additional hearing date, or they may take additional time to consider the input they have already received without requesting further public input. Any deferred items will be considered for action at a public meeting of the Commission on a future date.

Advance Registration and Sign-Up for Oral Comment. Registration links for those who wish to attend and speak during the (virtual) public hearing and for those who wish to speak during the (in-person) Open Public Comment session immediately following the business meeting will be posted at www.drbc.gov at least ten days before each meeting date. The Commission's hearing, business meeting and Open Public Comment session will also be livestreamed on YouTube at

https://www.youtube.com/@DRBC 1961. For assistance, please contact Ms. Patricia Hausler of

the Commission staff, at patricia.hausler@drbc.gov.

Addresses for Written Comment. Written comment on items scheduled for hearing may be made

through the Commission's web-based comment system, a link to which is provided at

www.drbc.gov. Use of the web-based system ensures that all submissions are captured in a single

location and their receipt is acknowledged. Exceptions to the use of this system are available based

on need, by writing to the attention of the Commission Secretary, DRBC, P.O. Box 7360, 25 Cosey

Road, West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360. For assistance, please contact Patricia Hausler at

patricia.hausler@drbc.gov.

Accommodation for Special Needs. Individuals in need of an accommodation as provided for in

the Americans with Disabilities Act who wish to attend the meeting or hearing should contact the

Commission Secretary directly at 609-883-9500 ext. 203 or through the Telecommunications

Relay Services (TRS) at 711, to discuss how we can accommodate your needs.

Those with limited internet access may listen and speak at virtual public meetings of the DRBC

using any of several toll-free phone numbers that will be provided to all virtual meeting registrants.

Additional Information, Contacts. Additional public records relating to hearing items may be

examined at the Commission's offices by appointment by contacting Denise McHugh, 609-883-

9500, ext. 240. For other questions concerning hearing items, please contact David Kovach,

Project Review Section Manager, at 609-883-9500, ext. 264.

Authority. Delaware River Basin Compact, Public Law 87-328, Approved September 27, 1961,

75 Statutes at Large, 688, sec. 14.4.

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